African Renaissance and International Cooperation Fund Progress update 2016/17

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1. Introduction

The African Renaissance and International Co-operation Fund was established in terms of Section 2(1) of the African Renaissance and International Co-operation Fund Act, 2000 (Act No. 51 of 2000) and subject to direction of the Minister under the control of the Director-General (DG).

2. The Utilisation Of Fund

The Minister must, in consultation with the Minister of Finance, establish an Advisory Committee consisting of the following members:

- The Director-General or the delegate of the Director-General;
- Three officers of the Department appointed by the Minister;
 and
- Two officers of the Department of Finance appointed by the Minister of Finance.
- The Advisory Committee must make recommendations to the Minister and the Minister of Finance on the disbursement of funds through loans or other financial assistance.



2. The Utilisation Of Fund

• Loans or other financial assistance are granted in accordance with an agreement entered into by the country in question and the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation (hereafter referred to as the Minister). Assistance granted is subject to such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon by that country and the Minister, acting in each case in consultation with the Minister of Finance.

3. Programme Progress Update

Strategic objective	OBJECTIVE STATEMENT	Progress
To promote democracy and good governance	Support the holding of democratic elections in identified countries on the continent	Supported the SADC election observer mission for Zambia's Presidential elections and Seychelles Parliamentary elections
To support socio-economic development and integration	Support the implementation of socio-economic development and integration projects	Continued support for the implementation Rice and Vegetable production project in Guinea Conakry.
		Continued support for the implementation of the Cuban Economic package to purchase South African goods.



3. Programme Progress Update

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE	OBJECTIVE STATEMENT	Progress
To provide humanitarian assistance and disaster relief	Assist countries that are in need of humanitarian assistance and disaster relief	Continued support for the drought relief project in Namibia phase 2 – equipping of 101 boreholes
		Provided transportation for humanitarian assistance to Madagascar by Gift of Givers
To contribute to human resource development	Develop and provide identified training programmes	Provide funding through the Public Protector for African Ombudsman Research Centre (AORC)

4. New Projects

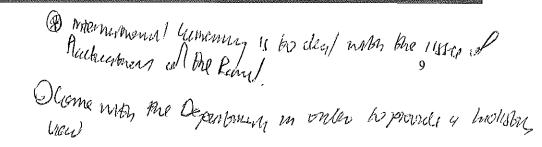
Humanitarian Assistance for Western Sahara R 10 Million

- Urgent aid to the Saharawi refugees camps following the October 2015 torrential rain accompanied by violent winds and floods that caused serious material damages
- The purpose of the Project is to provide emergency shelter and essential relief items, including drinking water, food, and adequate nutrition and health facilities and to enable students to pursue schooling and support their well-being.

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- Tripartite Mechanism DRC/Angola/South Africa
- South Africa, the DRC and Angola signed a Memorandum of Understanding establishing a Tripartite Mechanism on Dialogue and Cooperation in August 2013, which aims at helping the DRC to consolidate peace and stability.
- An annual operational budget of \$1.5 million was approved, thus it shall be contributed equally by the three countries. In this regard, South Africa is liable to pay \$500.000 to the total operational budget of the Permanent Secretariat





Transition from ARF to PFD

- DIRCO has established a Secretariat to administer the ARF
- The ARF Secretariat is responsible for monitoring and evaluation of ARF projects
- The draft PFD bill will be presented to Cabinet in the 2016/17 financial year
- The PFD will be administered by SADPA
- SADPA has been gazetted as a government component in 2013 to administer the PFD
- SADPA will however be operationalized once the PFD Bill is promulgated.
- It is envisioned that once SADPA is operationalized, the ARF Secretariat will be transferred to SADPA

